

Wednesday, 9th August, 1865.

The following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the Table:—

By Mr. *Mackenzie (Lambton)*,—The Petition of *D. McNab* and others, of the Township of *Korah*, District of *Algoma*.

By Mr. *Smith (East Durham)*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Victoria*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Dorion (Hochelaga)*,—The Petition of *J. B. Pontbriand* and others, of *Les Tanneries des Rollands*; and the Petition of *J. Prud'homme* and others, of the City of *Montreal*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Holton*,—The Petition of *F. E. Grafton* and others.

By Mr. *Dunkin*,—The Petition of *A. Wheeler* and others, of the Township of *Brome*, County of *Brome*.

By Mr. *Wallbridge (North Hastings)*,—The Petition of *J. B. Graham* and others, of the County of *Hastings*.

By Mr. *Cartwright*,—The Petition of *B. J. Allison* and others, of the Township of *Tyendinaga*, County of *Hastings*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Carling*,—The Petition of the Venerable *Isaac Hellmuth, D.D.*, Archdeacon of *Huron*.

The Order of the Day being read, for taking into consideration the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General to both Houses of the Provincial Legislature;

The House proceeded accordingly to take the said Speech into consideration.

Mr. *Magill* moved, seconded by Mr. *Brousseau*, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, to thank His Excellency for His Gracious Speech at the opening of the present Session, and further to assure His Excellency that we learn with much satisfaction, that in conformity with the announcement which His Excellency made to us at the end of the last Session of Parliament, a Deputation from the Canadian Ministry proceeded to *London* to confer with Her Majesty's Government on questions of importance to the Province.

2. That we are grateful to His Excellency for having called us together at the earliest convenient moment after the return of the Deputation, in order that we may receive the report of their mission, and complete the important business which, at the conclusion of the last Session, was left unfinished.

3. That we thank His Excellency for having directed that the correspondence referring to the mission to *England*, shall be communicated to us for our consideration.

4. That we share with His Excellency the belief, that the happy termination of the Civil War which has for the last four years prevailed in the *United States of America*, cannot fail to exercise a beneficial influence on the commercial and industrial interests of this Province, and that we trust, with His Excellency, that the re-establishment of peace will lead to a constantly increasing development of friendly relations between our people and the citizens of the great Republic.

5. That we receive with great pleasure the announcement, that the circumstances which rendered it necessary to place a portion of the Volunteer Militia of the Province on permanent duty, having ceased to exist, the force has been re-called; and the expression of His Excellency's feeling of satisfaction at the readiness with which the men responded to the call of duty, and the general good conduct which they exhibited during the period of their service.

6. That we thank His Excellency for having directed that the estimates for the current year, and the statement of the expenditure which has been incurred, chargeable against the vote of credit of last session, shall be laid before us: and we feel assured that we shall find, with reference to both, that economy has been combined with a due regard to efficiency.

7. That we learn with pleasure, that His Excellency has transmitted to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, for presentation to Her Majesty, the Addresses to which we agreed during the last Session, in favor of a Federal Union of the Colonies of *British North America*.